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 For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM
 Filed : August 17, 2000
 Examiner : BRINICH, Stephen M.
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
 Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.8(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional fee |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 6 | Minus | 20 = | 0 × | \$50 (25) | = \$0 |
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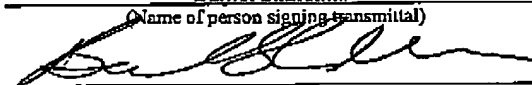
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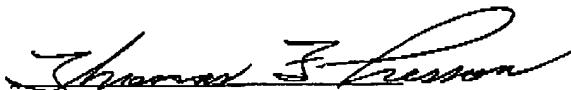
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the second month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ two-month petition for extension of time.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.